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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 1

MAPS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD

- a. Enemy Front Lines: At close of period no contact with enemy was established.
- b. Defensive Organization: No fortifications to S of LAUTER River. Siegfried Line to N of LAUTER River.
- c. Units in Contact: No contact. Elms of 256 Inf Div to our front. Elms 245 Inf Div to W.
- d. Arty: 48 Lt Arty pieces, 32 med pieces located S of BIEFWALD and from LOWER VOSGES to RHINE R.
- e. Reserves: Elms of 1 DM 192 Pz Div of 21 Pz Div encountered by 45 Div vic Q-9942. FWS state entire 1st Third Army front 11 Dec, that balance of Div is moving down with mission to c/a and defend ISSLEBURG Gap to the last man. Strength of 1/192 estimated 300 men, strength of 2nd Division estimated 3500 men, 25 tanks.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD

a. General:

- (1) VI Corps: Contact was negligible across Corps front except on N flank where enemy offered stubborn resistance and limited aggressive action. Elsewhere road blocks and considerable demolitions were employed to delay our advance.
- (2) 11th Arm Div: Blown bridges and road blocks encountered in HAGUEBAU Forest. No enemy contact.
- (3) 79th Inf Div: Our troops established first and only contact in SELTZ (R-273) at midafternoon when undetermined number of enemy engaged our troops with SA and mortar fire as they entered the city.
- (4) 103d Inf Div: Three SAs were taken under arty fire vic HAUSCHDORF (R-0438) with unknown results.
- (5) 45th Inf Div: Four tanks and undetermined number of infantry withdrew under pressure from GORTSCHOFF (R-0239) at 1550. At 1700 approximately 100 infantry launched a counterattack from N via R-003403. Attack repulsed with estimated 25 enemy killed but some snipers remain in area. Estimated 40-50 enemy withdrawing to NE from LANGELSOUEBACH at 1730 and heading into our positions and a sharp engagement ensued. Determined SA resistance at Q-99423 ended at 1400 and when enemy attempted to move SE they were re-engaged at R-004422. 1st train observed at R-150855. Arty negligible.

b. Activity of Demolition Elements:

(1) 14th Arm Div:

- (a) R-051269: Road block at R-051269. 300 yards of mined road block of felled trees under attack, encountered via R-002291. Blown bridges at R-044286 and R-005297. Railroad overpass at R-051335 dropped on tracks.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Pas: Total during period: 1  
Total to date: 1  
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b. Terrain: See Terrain Studies 1 and 2, this Hq.

c. Weather: 14 Dec - Cloudy and rain midnight to noon. Overcast in afternoon. Visibility 2 miles in rain improving to 6 miles in afternoon. Wind SW in morning, shifting to W in afternoon, 8-10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 36 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. Defend via MAGINOT Line, employing forces of 256 and 245 Inf Divs to man MAGINOT defenses, 21 Pz Div to counterattack to S and SE from WISSEMBOURG (Entire 21 Pz Div expected in WISSEMBOURG area sometime today or tomorrow).

b. Counterattack to S with all three divisions.

c. Withdraw to SIEGFRIED Line defenses, defend with 245 and 256 Inf Divs and fortress troops believed now in SIEGFRIED Line, employing 21 Pz Div to cover withdrawal of 245 and 256 Divs and (possibly assisted by other Pz troops to the N) to counterattack any breakthrough.

d. Capability "c" is favored. Delaying action is to be expected, the enemy employing mines and demolitions, destroying bridges and building road blocks, using towns along routes of approach as strong points. Enemy use of mines has increased recently. Enemy artillery and air activity will most certainly increase.

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ANNEX "A" G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 27

Division Interrogation Report 112400A to 122400A December 1944.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

<u>RM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sector and Place of Capture</u>
a.	New Identifications:		
b.	Old Identifications:		
1		1/476 Regt, 256 Div	94th HAGUENAU
	Total PWs during period	- 1	
	Total PWs to date	- 525	

2. Unit Strength, etc.

PW hid himself from his unit on 9 Dec in order to turn himself over to the Americans. According to PW his unit left HAGUENAU in the afternoon of 10 Dec for positions further N. At that time the company consisted of 60 men and 9 LMG's. PW joined unit at the beginning of Dec from the 476 Ersatz Bn which was situated in LIETMERITZ, SUDETENLAND.



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No. 2

MAPS: CGCS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line - No definite front line. Defensive positions vlc SCHOENENBOURG (R-1339), HOHWILLER (R-1236), OBERROEDERN (R-1735), STUNDWILLER (R-1836) and EUHL (R-1935).

b. Units in Contact - Elms of 256th Inf Div.

## 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Enemy defended SELTZBACH River line with blown bridges, road blocks and strong points, employing dug-in Inf, tanks, and S/A, MG, mortar, SP and Arty fire.

## b. Operations of Component Elements

(1) Armer - 3 MK IV tanks reported vic HOFFEN. 79 Div reported one tank in SELTZ (R-2732).

(2) Artillery - Arty fire received in STUNDWILLER at 1145A, on HOFFEN--  
HOHWILLER read at 1200A, at BUHL at end of period. 79 Div reported Arty fire re-  
ceived at crossings of SELTZBACH River. 103 Div reported 100 rds time and percussion,  
fire at SOULTZ (R-1037). 45 Div reports increase of Arty fire on RJs in rear areas.

(3) Engers - Bridges over SELTZBACH River blown at R-178348, R-188347, and R-213341. 79 Div reported bridge blown at NIEDERROEDERN.

(4) Infantry - Est 3 rifle Cos at R-128363, R-135372, and R-136363. Enemy Inf in OBERHROEDERN, STUNDWILLER and BUHL. Blown bridges to SW of STUNDWILLER and BUHL covered by S/A and mortar fire from those towns. 79 Inf reported S/A and mortar fire on bridge sites at SELTZ and NIEDERROEDERN, road block at R-373337 covered by S/A fire. 103 Div reported resistance stiffening in right sector, 150 Div dug-in from R-098394 to R-101395, mortar fire at RETSCHWILLER (R-1039) at 1547, heavy MG fire from vic DRACHENBRONN (R-1043).

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. ~~PKs~~ - Total during period, 9  
Total to date, 534  
(See Annex "A")

b. Weather - 15 Dec ~ Low overcast and intermittent rain. Visibility 3-6 miles. Wind SW 10 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 39 degrees F.

g. Movements - Air reports considerable movement of traffic, including bicycles and motorcycles to the S from N of CLIMBACH (R-0846); also considerable traffic from LEMBACH (R-0445) to CLIMBACH. This type of traffic could be advance elements of 21 Pz Div.

4. **ENEMY CAPABILITIES** - No change. See G-2 Report No 1, 13 Dec 44.

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## ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 2

Division Interrogation Report 122400A to 132400A December 1944.

### 1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sector and Place of Capture</u>
<u>a.</u> New Identifications:			
<u>b.</u> Old Identifications:			
1		6/456R. 256 Div	94th - RITTERSHOFEN (R-1634)
7		13/456R. 256 Div	94th - NIEDERBETSCHDORF (R-1333)
<u>c.</u> Miscellaneous:			
1		Italian Laborer	
Total PWs during period - 9			
Total PWs to date - 534			

### 2. Unit Strength, etc.

6/456R - Co consisted of 13 men on 13 Dec armed with 6-MPs and 98K rifles. Mission of Co was to keep contact with enemy and to withdraw to vic of HATTEN (R-1833). Rest of Co was destroyed in vic of GRIES about a week ago.

13/456R - On 13 Dec this Co had 30-35 men, 4-LIG, 1-LMG, and an unknown number of heavy mortars. PWs had no contact with the rest of their Co for the past six days.

### 3. APOs and Personalities:

6/456R - 23356C C.O. Lt. Schultze (killed in action)  
13/456R - 12458B



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MAPS: CGCS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line - No definite front line. Enemy continues to withdraw toward N and NE.

b. Units in Contact - New identifications were the 3/686 AT Bn GHQ, Co Beck 103 AT Brig, and Brig Hq 103 Tk Brig.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Enemy continued to withdraw slowly to the N and NE offering stubborn resistance by small delaying groups, making maximum use of blown bridges, supported by mines, MG, SA, mortar, SP and Arty fire.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

(1) Armor - 1 M4 IV tank reported at R-161450. Civilian reported 2 tanks left SIEGEN for SALMBACH at 0900A. 79th Div reported 2 or 3 tanks vic NEENWILLER (R-2839) and 1 tank in SCHEIBENHARDT (R-2942).

(2) Artillery - LIETERSWILLER (R-1536), TRIMBACH (R-2138), KIEDENBOURG (R-2138), received harassing fire as our troops entered the towns. Enemy resisted our occupation of RIEDELSTZ (R-1543) with Arty; harassing fire continued to fall on them at close of period. SALMBACH (R-2442) receiving 150mm fire from east vic R-248444. On remainder of Corps front Arty continued light harassing.

(3) Engineers - Bridges blown at 126471, 147417, 151365, 159361, 160440, 161404, 163405 and at REIDELSTZ. Road block CR 159502 to CR 162502. Six (R) mines along road vic R-148421.

(4) Infantry - Light and occasional contact only. Enemy withdrew from HERMERSWILLER (R-1237), OBERROEDERN (R-1735), STUNDWILLER (R-1836), BOHL (R-1935), HOFFEN (R-1536), CROETWILLER (R-2137), INGOLSHEIM (R-1441) SCHOENENBOURG (R-1339), HUNSPACH (R-1539), and OBERLAUTERBACH (R-2438). Occupation of RIEDELSTZ (R-1543) resisted with SA and Arty. Enemy driven from SIEGEN (R-2239) and SALMBACH (R-2542) cleared after a stiff fire fight. 103 Div reports resistance stiffened in Div zone during period. Patrols sent up by the 79th Div reported sounds of numerous tracked vehicles and men in vic SCHIEBENHARDT (R-2942) and NIEDERLAUTERBACH (R-2641).

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. FWS - Total during period - 19  
Total to date - 553  
(See Annex "A")

b. Weather - 16 Dec - Broken clouds during day, clear sky after sunset. No rain. Visibility 10 miles. Wind northeast 10 mph. Minimum temperature 29 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES - No change. See G-2 Report No 1, 13 Dec 44.

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## ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 3

Division Interrogation Report 132400A to 142400A December 1944.

### 1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

EM	Off	Unit	Sector and place of capture.
<b>a. New Identifications:</b>			
1		9/256 AR 256 VGD	62nd - SCHOENENBOURG
1		3/686 AT Bn GHQ	25th - INGOLSHEIM
1		Co Bock 103 AT Brig	62nd - EREMELBACH
1		Brig Hq 103 Tk Brig	14 Div Arty - SCHOENENBOURG

### b. Old Identifications:

3/481 IR 256 VGD (H-328)	62nd - SCHOENENBOURG
4/456 IR 256 VGD	94th - GROETTWILLER
3/476 IR 256 VGD	57th - HUNS PACH

### c. Miscellaneous:

12 Alsatian Deserters

Total PWs during period - 19

Total PWs to date - 553

### 2. Unit Strength, Disposition, Movements, etc.

**9/256 AR** - PW states that 9th Btry consisting of 3-150mm Hows went into position N of OBERLAUTERBACH (244392) on 12 Dec with orders to remain until midnight 14 Dec before withdrawing to new positions. 12 Dec, 9th Btry had 120 men and 3-150mm Hows (the other 3 Hows of the Btry having been sent back to Germany for repairs). The 256 AR had only three Bns, the 1st Bn having been destroyed at TILBOURG, Holland. The 3rd Bn had 2 Btrys of 6 each 105mm How. The 4th Bn consisted of 8th Btry with 6-150mm How and the 9th Btry with 3-150mm How, all Horse Drawn.

**1/481 IR** - On 13 Dec 1st and 2nd Cos had approx 30 men each. The 3rd Co had 25-30 men and 2-IMGs. PW insisted that there was no 4th Co but that there were 2 SMGs and 4 81mm mortars in the Bn. The 1st Bn had orders to withdraw towards WISSENBURG (1548). PW further stated that the 2nd Bn was reformed in HAGENAU and that 80% of the replacements were Air Corps personnel.

**4/456 IR** - On 13 Dec, 4th Co had 80 men, 2 IMGs (75mm), 4 or 5 81mm mortars, and 2 SMGs. In the afternoon of 13 Dec, 4th Co left for SIEGEN (225400) with rest of Bn. The 13th Co had only 2 IMGs remaining and was usually employed with the 4th Co.

**3/476 IR** - On 10 Dec, this Co consisted of 12 men and 2 IMGs.

**3/686 AT Bn GHQ (Mtz) (Schwere Heeres Pz Jg Abt)** - This Co consists of 3 plats. Each plat has 60 men, 3 88mm AT guns, 3 IMGs, 6 Panzerfaust, 3 Magnetic AT mines (Hafthohlaufladung). On 12 Dec, this Co arrived in INGOLSHEIM (1441) from vic SAARBRUECKEN and received orders on 13 Dec to withdraw to vic WISSENBURG (1548)---WINDHOF (170488). This Co has never been committed. The Bn consists of 3 Cos all of which are similar in organization to the 3rd Co. PW does not know whether the rest of the Bn left the vic of SAARBRUECKEN.

**Co BOCK 103 AT Brigade** - This Co originally consisted of 60-80 men and 14-15 Hetzer (Czech 75mm self propelled AGs). Each Hetzer also mounts 1 MG. The other 2 Cos of the Brig (Co LANG and Co PANKOV) were similarly organized. On 11 Dec, this Brig was committed in vic LEMBACH (0445) with 10 Hetzer in each Co, the others being unusable because of mechanical difficulties. During this engagement Co BOCK lost 6 Hetzers. On 14 Dec, the Brigade was ordered to withdraw to OBERHOFFEN (1346) and the trains to SCHWEIGEN (1650).

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Brigade Hq - 103 Pz Brig - Hq Co of 146 PGR was sent from AARLBORG, Denmark in the beginning of Sept to GRAFENHOEHL, Bavaria to join the 103 Pz Brig. On or about 8 Sept, Brig was sent to LITHUANIA where it was committed against the Russians. On 20 Nov, the Brig was dissolved in INSTERBURG, East Prussia after sustaining heavy losses. Hq Co was transferred to 18th PD. At the end of Nov, 103 Brig was reformed in BAMBERG, Germany and transferred, according to PW to WISSENBURG (1548). The Brig staff reached WISSENBURG on 10 Dec and left for SCHOENENBURG (1339) at which place PW deserted his unit. On 10 Dec, Brig Hq had 80 men, 3 Armored Half Tracks w/1 IMG each. PW claimed that Brigade had Tks similar to Russian T-34 but after leaving Germany he had not seen these Tks or remainder of unit.

### 3. Personalities and APOs.

9/256 AR	C.O. 1st Lt Mueller	APO 14227C
IV/256 AR	" Capt Medoal	
1/481 IR	Capt Schultz	
3/481 IR	PWL Kinder (Binder)	APO 11799D
4/456 IR	Lt Henke	APO 00356E
1/476 IR	Groschwald	
3/476 IR	PWL Schneider	APO 25962D
3/686 AT Bn	Lt Kapitz	APO 65937D
1/456 IR	1st Lt Dohne	
Co Bock 103 AT	Lt Bock	APO 64035C
Co Lang "	Lang	
Co Pankov "	Pankov	
103 Pz Brig	Lt Col Bernau	APO 26198
103 Pz Brig	Adj Capt Thiele	
103 Pz Brig	Ord Capt Koerting	
103 Pz Brig	Lt V. Knoblauch	

### 4. General.

Connection between the 103 Pz Brig and the 103 AT Brig could not be established by interrogation of PWs.

### ANNEX "F" to G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 3 - ON ANNEX

1. The identification of 21 PANZER DIVISION had been confirmed by two mere PWs. A Task Force of three companies (about 240 men) and three to four tanks is in the LANGENSCHULTZBACH area (R-0241). More of the division may be coming.

The division was committed in XX Corps sector immediately before coming here, and it has not been withdrawn for rest and refitting for a considerable time.

It cannot be in very good condition. It was last estimated by Third Army at 3000 combat effectives and 20 tanks. Its components are: 22 Tank Regiment, 125 Panzer Grenadier Regiment, 192 Panzer Grenadier Regiment, 155 Panzer Artillery Regiment, 21 Panzer Recon Bn, 220 Panzer Engineer Bn, 200 AT Bn, 200 Signal Bn, 21 AA Bn, 200 Assault Gun Bn, 200 Field Replacement Bn, and Services. According to T/E it should have 201 tanks.

The commander is Brigadier General Feuchtinger. The division fought in the RAIBERVILLERS sector until early November and then moved to the KETZ sector.

Tactical sign:

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Possibly:

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688 Pz AT TANK BN has not been previously identified, but the organization and armament as given by the PW are typical for a heavy anti-tank unit. The guns, according to the PW, are motor drawn, not SP, and since he claims that they are "brand new guns" they most probably will be the new 8.8cm PAK 43, the new improved German 88 anti-tank gun rather than the old multi-purpose 88 AA gun.

The replacement unit is: Anti-Tank Repl Bn (Panzerjaeger Ersatz und Ausbildung Abteilung) #8, Oppeln Wkr. VIII.

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3. 103 ANTI-TANK BRIGADE apparently is not an administrative but a tactical unit. The paybook of the prisoner shows 'Einheit' (Unit) BOCK as his unit. The PW also says that the number 103 was given to the three units BOCK, LANG, and PANKOV only after their arrival at the front.

The name 'Hetzer' for a SP AT gun has not been previously known. However, there is a 75mm AT gun on Czech chassis, known as the 'Pz Jaeg. 38 fuer 75mm PAK 40/3 - (Sonderkraftfahrzeug 138)', or AT chassis 38 for 75mm gun 40/3. It weighs about 11 tons, 25 + 25mm armor on front and 30mm on sides, and it fires HE, APC, and hollow charge. The gun has the following muzzle velocities: HE 1800 f.s.; APC, 2525 f.s.; hollow charge 1476 f.s. The APC shell will penetrate homogeneous armor as follows: 500 yards 4.0 ins. at 30 degrees obliquity, 4.8 ins. normal - 1000 yards 3.6 ins. at 30 degrees, 4.3 ins. normal - 2000 yards 2.8 ins. at 30 degrees, 3.4 ins. normal - 2500 yards 2.5 ins. at 30 degrees, 3.0 ins. normal. The gun has a traverse of 65 degrees and an elevation of -5 degrees to +22 degrees.

The replacement unit is AT REPL BN #10 at Straubing, Wkr. XIII, but the actual training took place at Milowitz, Czechoslovakia.

4. 103 PANZER BRIGADE has not previously been identified in this theatre of war. As the PW said, it was believed to have been on the Russian front. Similar Panzer Brigades have been identified on the Western front, such as: 105, 106 and 107. These Brigades were originally hasty formations made from the remains of Panzer Divs this summer, and the trend has been to expand them into divisions again, or use them to build up existing Panzer and Panzer Grenadier divisions. Thus for instance the 107 Panzer Brigade is considered to have been absorbed by the 25 PG Div. Considering this trend, it does not seem possible to draw any conclusion as to the armament and organization of the new 103 Pz Brigade from the former 107 or 105.

The replacement unit for the 103 Pz Brig is the Panzer Ersatz und Ausbildungs Abteilung (Tank Repl Bn) #35, Bamberg, Wkr XIII. The fact that both the brigades come from the same Wehrkreis (Corps Area) suggests some possible connection, but the fact that the replacement units are different seems to preclude any possibility of the two units being identical. Nor is it likely that one Brig should be subordinated to the other.

5. PW, who is now in 103 Panzer Brig, was originally in 146 PGR of 25 Pz Div with which he fought in Russia. After 25 Pz Div was encircled and destroyed in the Proskurpy area, the remainders were sent to Aalborg, Denmark where the division was reformed, for which purpose the Pz Regt "Norway" was brought to Denmark and absorbed by the 25 Pz Div.. After the reorganization had progressed considerably, the Hq Co of 146 PGR was suddenly transferred out of the division, and sent to Grafenwoehr, Wkr XIII where it was renamed Hq Co 103 Pz Brig. A Bn of armored Inf and a Bn of tanks were added, and the Brig was then committed in the Virbalis (Lithuania) area. There were some losses, and in October the Brig was dissolved with the exception of the Hq Co. The other elements were used as replacements for the 5th and 18 Pz Divs. On 20 Nov, the Hq Co arrived in Bamberg to form a new 103 Brig.

From the above it results that the present 103 Pz Brig apparently has no connection to the 25 Pz Div, which remained intact at Aalborg, except for the departure of the Hq Co. Nor is it possible to judge the composition of the present 103 Pz Brig from that of its predecessor which existed on the Eastern front for a few months.

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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line - Enemy continues to withdraw. Points of contact at R-161450, R-165450, R-172458 and N of SAIMBACH (R-2442).

b. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Enemy resistance stiffened as our advance approached the German border. Light, medium, heavy Arty; mortar, MG, and SA fire active throughout the period.

b. Operations of Component Elements:

(1) Armor - Six Mk IV tanks supported enemy counterattack vic R-171460 at 1730A. Two tanks knocked out. Civilian reported five camouflaged enemy tanks at 168479. One enemy tank heard at 1420A vic RR 17284558. AOP observed one enemy tank at 260432. PW captured by the 103rd Div stated that 15 enemy tanks were parked in a German tank park at R-156479. 103rd reported 2 tanks observed at 132480 at 0950A, withdrew toward WISSEMBOURG. 79th Div reported 5 enemy tanks seen vic R-327425 along edge of woods at 1715A.

(2) Artillery - RIEDELITZ (R-1543) and SAIMBACH (R-2442) received light and medium Arty fire intermittently throughout the period. During the morning and early afternoon hours the fire was very intense and accurate. 103rd Div reported Arty fire received throughout the zone with a concentration at ROTT (R-1247) at approx 1507A. 79th Div received heavy concentrations of Arty fire during the entire period.

(3) Engineers - Bridge at R-146456 blown. Civilian reported bridges at R-237453, R-270434 and R-294425 were blown two days ago, that on the road from SCHEIBENHARDT to SCHAIDT there are 3 bridges prepared for demolition which will explode under tank pressure. Another civilian reported RR bridge at R-167474 prepared for demolition.

(4) Infantry - Enemy offered stubborn resistance from dug-in emplacements around Hill 243 (R-156462) and from woods N of SAIMBACH at close of period. SAIMBACH cleared after a stiff fire fight. As our troops entered RIEDELITZ the town was subjected to Arty and considerable mortar fire. Enemy counterattack estimated 30 Inf supported by 6 Mk IV tanks vic R-171460 repulsed at 1730A. SCHLEITHAL entered without opposition at 2030A. In the 79th Div zone enemy strongly resisted in SCHEIBENHARDT (R-2942) and LAUTERBURG (R-3241) but was driven to north side of LAUTER River. Stubborn resistance continues in 103rd Div zone.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PWs - Total during period 27  
Total to date - 580  
(See Annex "A")

b. Weather - 17 Dec - Few rain showers in early morning. Sky cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in afternoon. Visibility 5 miles in haze at dawn lowering to 2-3 miles in precipitation, improving to 10 miles 1000A. Wind from SW, 5 MPH. Slightly warmer. Minimum temperature 36 degrees F.

18 Dec - Cloudy with intermittent rain throughout most of day, becoming partly cloudy in evening. Visibility 2-4 miles in precipitation, 6-8 miles in haze elsewhere. Wind from W, 6-8 mph. Minimum temperature 36 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Report No 1, 13 Dec 44.

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## ANNEA "A" TO G-2 REPORT NO. 4

### 1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units:

<u>Ev</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sector and Place of Capture</u>
<u>a. New Identifications:</u>			
<u>b. Old Identifications:</u>			
8		5/456 IR 256 VGD	48th - vic SALMBACH
4		7/456 IR 256 VGD	- SALMBACH
1		1/256 Res Trn Bn	- SALMBACH
2		2/ " " " "	19th - SALMBACH
<u>c. Miscellaneous:</u>			
		3 Italian Laborers	
		1 Polish "	
		8 Alsations (deserters)	
Total PWs during period - 27			
Total PWs to Date - 580			

### 2. Unit Strength, Disposition, etc:

5/456 IR - After commitment on 15 Dec vic SALMBACH (2542) this Co consisted of 2 plats, 1st plat with 3 men, 2nd plat with 14 men and 2 LMGs. The 5th Co was usually employed with the 7th Co which on 14 Dec had 40 men.

7/456 IR - On 14 Dec this company consisted of 40 men, 2 LMGs, 1 SMG. Co was committed in vic SALMBACH on 15 Dec.

1/256 Res Trng Bn - Above unit left OBERBETSCHDORF (1233) on 12 Dec for SALMBACH. PW claims that on 13 Dec this Co left SALMBACH in direction LAUTERBOURG (3241) and then went towards RHINE River to act as Reserve for SIEGFRIED Line. On 11 Dec 1st Co had 60 men, 1 LMG, 1 Offrohr. Personnel of this Co consisted of former GAF personnel.

2/256 Res Trng Bn - This Co consisted only of 1 plat of 30 men on 14 Dec. The Co was supposed to receive replacements who had not as yet arrived. Personnel of this Co were mostly former members of the GAF. This Co was committed on 14 Dec vic SCHLEITHAL (2243) and lost approx 8 men.

### 3. Personalities and APOs:

5/456 IR	C.O. Lt Nietsche	APO 23356B
7/456 IR	C.O. Lt Bauch	APO 56997D

## ANNEA "B" TO G-2 REPORT NO. 4

### Interview With Civilian

1. EMIL SCHMIDT, Civilian, resident of STRASSBOURG, currently visiting his sisters, the Miles SCHMIDT, residing in SURBOURG, furnished the following information:

- Railroad spur, running south from main line of railroad between FRECKFELD (2852) and SCHAIDT (2551), built in 1939 for railroad guns, leads into BIENWALD forest. Recent indications show that track is still in position.
- Underground fuel storage tanks at DAIMLER-BENZ factory at GAGENAU, in vic KARLSRUHE.
- City of WISSEMBOURG contains casemates camouflaged as houses.
- Enemy troops arriving at KARLSRUHE from interior of Germany by rail transportation. Roads between KARLSRUHE and WISSEMBOURG in good condition.
- Ground in BIENWALD forest marshy at this time and particularly during damp weather, SE of SCHAIDT (2646-2650-3050-3046). Ground in western portion of forest is harder and contains narrow trails, exact width unknown.

2. Reliability of civilian established by PW Officer of 103 Div.

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MAPS: CGCS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line - Only small delaying forces believed to be to front of the SIEGFRIED Line.

b. Units in Contact - New identifications: 220 Armd Engr Bn 21st PD, Signal Plat 104 Pz Gren Bn, 42nd Armd Inf Repl & Tng Regt.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Resistance light throughout the period, consisting mostly of light arty, mortar, and SA fire.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - PW reports approximately 20 tanks reported at OBERHOFEN (R-202578), 3 or 4 tanks stalled on road between PLEISWILLER (R-196573) and BERGEAHORN (R-195560), unknown number tanks at SCHWEIGHOFFEN (R-1949). Civilian reported German tanks took NW route out of WISSEMBOURG last night; some of them stopped at BOBENTHAL (R-0951). In the 79th Div zone patrols reported two tanks vic R-330425, 2 Mk V tanks at R-299449.

(2) Artillery - Light and scattered. W column CCA received fairly intense light arty fire from 1700A to 1900A. SCHWEIGHOFFEN defended with light arty and AT gun fire. Light arty fire was received on road N of SALMBACH (R-255427) from vic R-256500.

(3) Engineers - All bridges blown on LAUTER River in Div sector. At close of period one bridge in WISSEMBOURG repaired, bridge N of SALMBACH completed. Road blocks reported at R-158482, R-158484, R-158486. PWs reported the following: Roads blown at RJ (R-162501), R-159497, RJ (R-156494), R-15654960, and R-17255305; R mines from R-158501 to RJ (R-156494), Schuh mines along the sides of roads in this general area; one R mine at R-15554960; road block, AT ditch, wire at R-17255305. Six R mines reported on road S of SCHWEIGHOFFEN. 103rd Div reported 2 bridges out at WEILER (R-129487). 79th Div patrols encountered undefended road block at R-298446.

(4) Infantry - Light resistance encountered in occupation of SCHWIGEN and RECHTENBACH. SA fire encountered on N bank of LAUTER River vic R-245445. Mortar fire fell on our crossing sites in SALMBACH (R-2442) area throughout period.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Pns - Total during period - 41  
Total to date - 621  
(See Annex "A")

b. Weather - 18 Dec - Few showers midnight to dawn. Sky cloudy until dawn, partly cloudy thereafter. Visibility 3-4 miles in fog at dawn, improving to 10 miles after 1000A. Wind SW 10 mph. Warmer. Minimum temperature 42 degrees F.

19 Dec - Scattered clouds at dawn, increasing low clouds during day. No precipitation. Visibility 6-8 miles. Wind SW 10 mph. Minimum temperature 42 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 1, 13 Dec 44.

3 Incls:

Annex "A" - IRW Report.  
Annex "B" - Report of Interrogating Officers  
Annex "C" - Counterintelligence

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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 5

Division Interrogation Report 152400A to 162400A December 1944.

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units:

<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Sector and Place of Capture</u>
<b>a. New Identifications:</b>			
1		220 Armd Engr Bn 21st PD	25th - WISSEMBOURG
1		Sign Plat 104 Pz Gren Bn -	
		42nd Armd Inf Repl & Tng Regt-25th-RIEDELZ	
<b>b. Old Identifications:</b>			
3		1/481 IR 256 VGD	62nd-501st - RIEDELZ
5		3/ " " " "	62nd - RIEDELZ
1		6/ " " " "	19th - SALMBACH
1		14/ " " " "	19th - SALMBACH
1		Div Hq 256 VGD	62nd - WISSEMBOURG
3		2/256 Fld Repl Bn	19th-94th - SCHLEITHAL-SALMBACH
4		Fus Co/256 VGD	62nd - WISSEMBOURG
2		Non-Com School (AMBERG- OBERPFALZ)	25th - WISSEMBOURG
1		Fliegerherst Co - HANOVER	62nd - WISSEMBOURG
<b>c. Miscellaneous:</b>			
<b>Alsatian deserters -</b>			
1		SS Arty Sch Map Tng & Repl Btry-TREBBIN	-- LEITERSWILLER
4		Hv Heimat Flak Btry 240-VII- AUGSBURG	-- SOULTZ
1		40th Arty Regt-DRESDEN	25th - RIEDELZ
1		3rd Transp Co-VI MARL - Westph.	25th - RIEDELZ
2		Hospital Germany	25th - RIEDELZ
1		3/171 IR - LEMBERG	25th - RIEDELZ
1		Laborer	25th - RIEDELZ
1		1/256 Engr Bn	25th - RIEDELZ
1		Rcn Bn 23rd ID - EASTERN FRONT	25th - RIEDELZ
1		5/551 IR - LATVIA	19th - SALMBACH
1		31st AA Repl Bn (Mtz) EAST PRUSSIA	19th - SALMBACH
1		365 Repl Bn (BONN)	62nd - WISSEMBOURG
1		Navy	CIC - WISSEMBOURG
1		2 Convalescent Co/109 I Repl Bn	94th - SCHLEITHAL

Total PWs during period - 41

Total PWs to date - 621

2. Unit Strength, Disposition, History, etc.

220 Armd Engr Bn - This unit is part of the 21st PD and according to PW the Engr Bn has been operating in this area for two weeks but that other units of the 21st PD were not committed until 14 Dec in vic STEINSELTZ (1445).

The 220th Armd Engr Bn was organized into 3 Cos of 35 men ea, each Co being transported by 3 LKWs. The Cos were supplied with Teller, Riegel, and Schuh mines and explosives.

PW's Co laid at least 2 Schuh and 4 Riegel mines along trail running from (151502) S to WISSEMBOURG. These mines were not dug in but were hastily camouflaged with dirt and grass and according to PW are easily recognized, nor were these mines planted according to any definite plan but were laid helter-skelter which practice seems to have been quite usual of late.

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PW heard the other units of the 21st PD were to withdraw on 15 Dec to position in the SIEGFRIED Line and substantiates this report by the fact that he saw many units on the roads leading to SIEGFRIED Line and that he already blew the road S of SCHWEIGEN at (162500) in the evening of 15 Dec. On 16 Dec the Engr Bn was to set up CP in RECHTENBACH (1650). PW did not know about the numbers or organization of the rest of the 21st PD but did see 5 Panther Tks, 2 88mm AT guns, and some Armd Half-tracks moving N along road from WISSENBURG--SCHWEIGEN--RECHTENBACH.

Sig Plat/104 Armd Inf Bn, 42nd Armd Inf Repl & Trng Regt - According to PW this Regt consisted of the 104th Armd Inf Bn from LANDAU and the 405 Armd Inf Bn from PIRMASENS. Regt Hq, 42nd Sig Co, 42nd Engr Co, and the 42nd IG Co were situated in HEIDELBERG. About three weeks ago the 42nd Regt had received orders to assemble and occupy a sector in the SIEGFRIED Line just N of OBERROTTERBACH (1752). It is organized into three Armd Rifle Cos and the 4th Hv Co. The armd Rifle Cos have each 120 men and 24 MGs. They originally had Armd Half-tracks but since employment in the SIEGFRIED Line PW has not seen them. The 4th Co has an IG Plat, an AT Plat, and an Engr Plat. Bn Hq has a Sign Plat. PW is not sure but heard that the 405th Armd Inf Bn is similarly organized.

The personnel of the 42nd Armd Regt are mostly either young men (17-18) or elder men (38-40) with very little Army training.

1/481 IR - This unit was committed on 13 Dec on right flank of 1/481 with orders to hold RR track. CP of 1st Co was to move to vic SCHWEIGHOFEN (1949) after enemy pressure became too great. On 13 Dec this Co had approx 30 men, 3 LMGs. PW claims that 2nd Co of 481 has virtually been destroyed.

3/481 IR - This Co was committed on 13 Dec on right flank of 1/481 with same orders to hold line. On 13 Dec this Co had 40 men and 4 LMGs. Losses on 14 Dec 8 men.

6/481 IR - This unit was committed on 13 Dec vic SAINBACH (2542). PW claims that his Co retreated to SIEGFRIED Line. The strength on 14 Dec was 30 men and 3-4 LMGs.

14/481 IR - According to PW (Medic) this Co had approx 45 men, 10 Ofenrohre, and some SMGs and that the Co was usually broken up and supported the Inf Cos of the 481 Regt. He also claims that the Regt was preparing to withdraw to SIEGFRIED Line on 15 Dec.

2/256 Fld Repl & Trng Bn - PW claims that this Co was used as a replacement Co for the 256 ID but that groups of men were sometimes sent out as fighting elements. PW was one of 45 men who were supposed to form a Pz Begleit Zug (Tk-Inf Teams). This team was to be used in conjunction with Tks in a counterattack for the purpose of protecting the Tks and for exploiting the regained positions. However, these teams were not formed because the allotted men were used as Inf replacements.

Fusilier Co/256 VGD - PW claims that this unit was attached to the 476 IR ever since they arrived from HOLLAND about 4 weeks ago. It was committed on 10 Dec vic OBERHOFFEN (0920) as a rifle Co. Here PW lost contact with his Co. On 10 Dec the Co had 3 plats with each 24 men and the Co had 6 LMGs and 1-81mm mortar.

### 3. Personalities and APOs:

1/256 Engr Bn	CO Lt Rickert	
" " "	Plat Ldr Lt Schmitt	
1/481 IR	CO Capt Schultz	
1/481 IR	CO Lt Gersdorf	APO 11797B
3/481 IR	Fldw Ländner	APO 11797D (Correction)
42nd Armd Inf Repl & Trng Regt	Col Westmacher (CO)	
104 Armd Inf Bn	CO 1st Lt Schranke	
2/256 Fld Repl Bn	CO Lt Schulze	
220 Armd Engr Bn	CO Capt Steinle	APO 00214
14/481 IR	CO OFldw Bauer	APO 24412C
6/481 IR		APO 02925C
256 Fus Co	CO 1st Lt Schroeder	APO 48746
" " "	Plat Ldr Lt Heinz	
476 IR	CO Lt Col v Dammerau	
256 VGD	CG Brig Gen Franz (Promotion since last reported)	

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ANNEX "B" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 5

PW AND CIVILIAN INTERROGATION

Pillboxes manned and armed with MGs and 20mm guns at 263514, 263515, 267517, 221496. Reinforced building with weapons in embrasures 35" above ground at 22304995 N of RR, 23155005 S of RR, 23905005 S of RR. Wooden roadblocks at 22854985. Pillbox with MGs and 20mm guns at 22104965 manned 14 Dec. Pillboxes in groups of three, each group approximately 100 yards apart running along forest edge from 25205065 to 22354880, manned 15 Dec. Minefield at forest edge 300 yards from forest edge at 240493 254494, under water and bounded by four pillboxes with MGs and manned by approximately 8 men each. Three pillboxes on road between SCHAIDT and FRECKENFELD N of road--manned. AT ditch extending approximately 30 yards either side of road. Wooden bridge over the road prepared for demolitions. AT ditch same as above cutting road at 23854970 and 25254980. AT ditch running in semi-circular pattern from 24505060 to 24005030 to RR tracks at 23805050. AT ditches 20 yards wide 8 yards deep at 25505080 to 24605055, from 24755020 to 24155035, from 22904910 to 22254955 (series of 3 barbed wire fences on either side of ditches). Three rows of dragon teeth in semi-circle facing S around pillbox at 20054965. AT ditch 8 yds wide 4 yds deep at 22504965 to 22054935, 25005070 to 22904910. Area N of forest and S of RR line between towns of SCHAIDT and STEINFELD dotted with pits covered with logs and branches with connecting trenches to other pits and pillboxes. OP built above ground in four trees 50 yds W of road at 25455065. Long AT ditch running across road at 29254725 crossed by wooden vehicular bridge prepared for demolition. Pillboxes along road at 29004740, 28754760 (connected to weapons pits by trenches), 28802770 (reinforced house), 28654765 (connected to weapons pits by trenches). Minefield under water and surrounded by barbed wire 25 yds long and 6 yds deep at 28654745. Five casemats along SIEBZERNERALLEE running from 27954788 to 27104728. Five casemats along SCHLESSEALLEE running from 28454820 to 28154770. AT ditch 4 yds wide and 3 yds deep across clearing at 25855025 to 24904995. One Arty piece (105mm How questionable) at 26204995, 26504985, 26754970 (pieces moved into position evening of 14 Dec and fired yesterday). All pillboxes and casemats seen by informer were manned and had MGs and 20mm guns in embrasures. Forest N of LAUTER River fairly dense, but ground is not covered with underbrush. Roads running from SCHAIDT, STEINFELD and FRECKENFELD all hard-surfaced roads, some asphalt and all suitable for heavy vehicular traffic. 100 men a day pass through SCHAIDT barracks at 26105070 to be assigned to various pillboxes and casemats. Approximately 1000 foreign workers have been making improvements and new fortifications in forest area for past three weeks. Pillboxes and casemats manned by WERMACHT, NSDAP and VOLKSTURM personnel. STEINFELD, KARSWEYER, SCHAIDT, FRECKENFELD and MINFELD all occupied by troops and many weapons, and vehicles are parked in barns.

(Source: 79 Div - Report of Interrogation Officers interrogating PWs and Civilians)

ANNEX "C" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 5

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

(Security)

A company belonging to one of the divisions in this theater entered a town about dusk and took billets for the men. A security force was posted, apparently consisting of individual sentries. The next day no communication could be established with the company and a patrol sent to investigate found individual sentries dead in the streets. The entire company had vanished except for certain letters belonging to men of the company which were found in the town. Investigation disclosed the probability that German sympathizers had "put the finger" on the sentries and then guided German patrols to the billets of the company to take them all prisoners.

(Source: 12th AD, G-2 Periodic No 2)

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MAPS: CHGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Line - SIEGFRIED Line with small delaying force S of the line.
- b. Defensive Organization - Patrols reported pillboxes at R-268487 and R-217476. PWs reported 4 pillboxes between R-221496 and R-219500, pillboxes at R-258484 and R-260488, unknown number of bunkers in semi-circle vic cemetery at R-217503.
- c. Units in Contact - New identifications: An DITTERN Battle Group ANTON (This Bn, formerly called 33 AP Repl Bn, has been previously identified to VI Corps front).
- d. Reserves - Armor of 21 Pz Div (est 10-25 tanks and SP guns), now in the SIEGFRIED Line; 103 Pz Brig and GNR Bns (strength and location unknown), may be N of SIEGFRIED Line.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General Summary - Enemy resisted stubbornly at fwd edge of SIEGFRIED Line with light and medium arty, AT, MG, and SA fire.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

- (1) Armor - Tank tracks observed at RJ (R-270455). PW reported 2 tanks in STEINFELD (R-2250) and 2 tanks in NW edge of STEINFELD.
- (2) Artillery - 27 rounds estimated to be 105mm or 155mm arty fire fell vic R-238454 between 0430A and 0630A. Intense arty fire received 600 yards N of RECHTENBACH (R-165508). At 1515A arty fire received vic W edge of STEINFELD. Fairly intense light arty fire vic R-169509 from ridge N of OBER-OTTERBACH (R-1752) at 1530A. Sporadic arty fire vic SCHWEIGEN (R-1650) at 1545A. Estimated 20 rounds per hour of light or medium arty in KAPSWEXER (R-2049) during afternoon. PW reports heavy arty withdrew from SCHIEGHOFEN (R-1949) to WINDEN (R-2755). Another PW states there are 180mm heavy arty pieces vic WINGEN. Large concentrations of arty and AA on high ground SW of INGENHEIM (R-245595) reported by PW.
- (3) Aviation - Two enemy Bn planes observed vic SIEGEN (R-225396) and SALTBACH (R-249420) flying N, high altitude, at 1600A. Eight ME-109s over LEITERSWILER (R-1536) at 1455A heading W.
- (4) Engineers - Patrols reported possible roadblock under construction at R-213483. Dragons teeth before STEINFELD across road vic R-215499. AOP reports road blown behind dragons teeth. Crater in road at R-170512. Roadblocks reported at R-26174405, R-26234430, R-26374465, R-216499. PW gave locations of roadblocks as follows: R-274554, R-27605135, R-22615165, R-27505550, R-28105552, R-22155025, R-292579. S mine found in vic R-236450. Patrol ran into mines vic R-261400 at 1744A.
- (5) Infantry - SA, AT fire received vic R-169509 from SIEGFRIED line positions at OBER-OTTERBACH. At close of period 25th Tk Bn received intense SA, MG fire from vic STEINFELD. SCHWEIGHOFEN (R-1949), KAPSWEXER (R-2049), and HOFTELHOFF (R-188910) occupied during period. Patrol reported LMG at R-220469. PWs stated there are at least 1000 enemy troops of all branches along the road between STEINFELD and NIEDER-OTTERBACH (R-2251) (Note: Air reports no large concentrations nor movements in this area); that 800-1000 replacements arrived by train at the station near WINDEN; that entire Battle Group OTTERSBAH is in STEINFELD, consisting of 3 companies of 100 men each. In plane reports large troop and ack-ack concentrations in SCHAIDT (R-2551) and FRECKENFELD (R-2752).

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## 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. IWA - Total during period - 22  
Total to date - 643  
(See Annex "A")

b. Weather - 19 Dec - Scattered clouds at dawn, increasing low clouds during day. No precipitation. Visibility 6-8 miles. Wind SW 10 mph. Minimum temperature 42 degrees F.

## 4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. Defend in SIEGFRIED Line behind permanent defenses and hastily constructed works of the line, employing remnants of 256th Inf Div, fortress troops and elements of 21 Pz Div to man the line, assisted by SP guns, 88mm, and med and hvy Arty, counter-attacking with armor of 21 Pz Div and possibly 103 Pz Brig and GHQ Tank Bns, believed to the N of the SIEGFRIED Line, against any breakthrough.

b. Launch a counterattack from the SIEGFRIED Line, employing the forces indicated above, to throw us back through the WISSEMBOURG Gap.

c. Capability "a" is favored. The enemy has withdrawn into the SIEGFRIED Line, his strongest defensive position, and is certain to defend this line with all locally available forces. No sizeable force of reserves has shown up yet to the rear of the SIEGFRIED Line at our front which would indicate his intention to counterattack to the front of the line. However, "b" is definitely a capability and we must be prepared to meet such a move.

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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 6

Division Interrogation Report 162400A to 172400A Dec 1944:

1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

<u>EM</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit and Place of Capture</u>
<b>a. New Identifications:</b>			
1		Bn DITTERN/Battle Group ANTON (ex-OTTERBACH)	25th - WISSEMBOURG
<b>b. Old Identifications:</b>			
1	2/481 IR		25th - WISSEMBOURG
1	6/481 IR		19th - SCHLEITHAL
1	14/481 IR		62nd - WISSEMBOURG
<b>c. Miscellaneous:</b>			
<b>German Deserters:</b>			501st - WISSEMBOURG
1	137 Mt Regt - FINNLAND		62nd - WISSEMBOURG
1	15th Armd Inf Repl & Trng Bn - KASSEL		
<b>Alsatian Deserters:</b>			25th - RIEDELTZ
2	2/12 Armd Inf Repl & Trng Bn - COBURG		14 AD KPs - RIEDELTZ
1	AG Repl Bn - ALTENGRABOW		501st - WISSEMBOURG
1	438 Convol Co - ASCHAFFENBURG		Hq CCB - SCHLEITHAL
1	1/306 IR 211 ID - GRAUDENZ		136 Ord - BETSCHENDORF
1	Non-Com Scheel - HEIDELBERG		
10	Unidentified (thru Medical Channels)		

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Total PWs during Period - 22  
Total PWs to Date - 643

2. Unit Strength, Disposition, etc.

Bn DITTERN/Battle Group ANTON (ex-OTTERBACH) - At the beginning of Dec all the personnel of the 33rd AT Repl & Trng Bn (which used to be in LANDAU and is now in SCHWEZINGEN) were formed into three Cos under Capt DITTERN and were placed as a Bn as part of the Battle Group ANTON into the SIEGFRIED Line in the Bunkers in the fields in grid square (2250) N of STEINFELD. The entire Battle Group is in this position.

The 3 Cos have approx 90 men each and 3 MGs each. The 1st Co has about 70% Air Corps personnel with little (3-4 days) or no Inf training; the 2nd Co has men 38-45 yrs of age (mostly former 4-Fs) with same amount of Inf training; and the 3rd Co has mostly wounded men fresh from hospitals who were formerly Inf trained. PW estimates strength of entire Battle Group ANTON to be 400-500 men.

At time of capture PW was part of a 5 man warning squad situated at the entrance to KAPSWEYER (205495). In case of a tank attack this squad was supposed to fire 1 red and then 1 white flare and then go to nearest phone (civilian or military) and call the following: 103 Fernamt BERGZABERN, Wehrmacht Notgesprach SCHAIDT 184. Thru this process the Bn DITTERN was immediately alerted and took up their alert positions outside of the SIEGFRIED Line bunkers.

PW stated that men were instructed to use the small bunkers only as sleeping and living quarters and that in case of any attack positions outside of bunkers would be used.

3. Artillery Positions.

PW stated that he saw 3 or 4 88mm AT guns firing from vic 228518 and that he heard say that there were some 180mm Hvy Arty guns in vic WINDEN (2755).

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4. Miscellaneous.

According to PW deserter from the AG Repl Bn - ALTENGRABOW, 17 Sturmgeschuetz (AG) Pz III with 6 8cm armer in front arrived about 8 Dec at BRITTEN vic KARLSRUHE as replacements for the 239 AG Brigade GHQ. PW further stated that Panzer outfitting points connected with munition factories (7.5 HE and AT) are located at KRUGAU, Spreewald, at ALTENGRABOW vic Magdeburg, and at MASSELGUTZ, Breslau.

5. Personalities and APOs.

Battle Group ANTON

Bn DITTERN

1/Bn DITTERN

CO Anton (PW heard this was a non de guerre)

CO Capt Dittbern

CO 1st Lt Diebel

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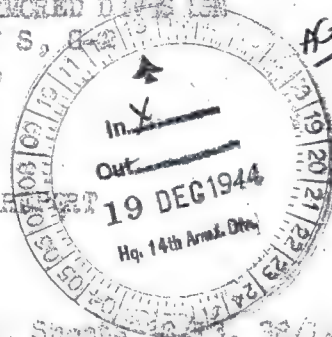
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MAPS: GSCS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line - SIEGFRIED LINE.

b. Defensive Organization - Patrol received MG fire from occupied pillbox via R-216476 at 0900A. Civilian stated that at R-245509 - 20 yds S of the RR crossing - is what is reported to be the strongest casement in the WISSENBURG area of the SIEGFRIED LINE, that ridge S of the HERCHASERN (R-1956) - WINDEN (R-2755) line was being heavily fortified until 11 Dec when the laborers left.

c. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

d. Reserves - No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Enemy resisted fiercely with intense light and medium Arty, MG, mortar, SA, AW, and sniper fire at all approaches to the SIEGFRIED LINE.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - Civilian reported elements of the 21st Pz Div were in WINDEN on 10 Dec, that they moved tank, 50mm AT guns, and 75mm Hows down into the FRECKENFELD (R-2751) - SCHADT (R-2551) - STEINFELD (R-2250) area.

(2) Artillery - Throughout the morning GCA reported enemy elements receiving intense Arty concentrations on any movements. The fires were coming from positions near GIER-OTTERBACH (R-1752) and from STEINFELD (R-2250). Patrol heard light Arty falling in grid square R-2546 from 1200A to 1300A. During the afternoon very intense light and medium Arty fire continued to fall on GCA's columns. Moderate light and medium Arty fire was received on ridge 800 yds N of CR (R-188510) and ridge 300 yds S of same CR. Civilian reports 11 or 12 RR guns on siding R-254513. Another civilian reported 11 or 12 RR guns which were in the vic of VOLLMERSWEILER (R-2451) moved N toward LINDAU on 14 Dec.

(3) Airiation - Two enemy Recon planes over LEITERSWILLER at 1315A. One ME-109 over WISSENBURG flying E at 1318A.

(4) Engineer - Roadblock (5 felled trees) at R-224430 mined with S-mines. Roadblocks reported at R-236436, R-256437, R-236438. TF GREENMANN encountered roadblock of felled trees 200 yds in depth at R-236435; at edge of woods came via mound of dirt across road 10 feet high, covered by SA fire; roadblock being over-

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structed of felled trees at R-235495; AT ditch filled with water at R-235470. Patrols reported road mined at R-224480; line of barbed wire and mines E & W from road at R-224485; woods mined and wire strung from R-220485 to R-230486. Enemy glass minefield at R-178458. PI reports minefield extending from R-242451 to R-251494 to R-282476 appears to have been detonated, forming a belt (40 to 50 ft wide) of craters.

(5) Infantry - Heavy MG and accurate sniper fire received from positions vic OBER-OTTERBACH (R-1752) throughout period. Enemy of unknown strength cut off two of our platoons in OBER-OTTERBACH, later extricated. During day MG, SA received from SCHNEIFELD (R-2250). Mortar fire, estimated one round per minute, fell in HECHTERBACH (R-1650) during afternoon. OCB reports enemy patrols active vic R-225476. Blast mortar fire fell in SCHNEIFELD at R-215436 at 0745A. 20 rounds of enemy mortar fire fell vic R-176514 at 1710A. AOP reported 40 Germans moving S out of FLECKENFELD (R-2852) dispersed by our Arty fire at 1500A.

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PWs - Total during period - 13  
Total to date - 656  
(See Annex "C")



b. Weather - 20 Dec - Partly cloudy in morning, becoming cloudy in afternoon with light rain beginning in late afternoon. Visibility 3 miles at dawn due to fog, improving 6-8 miles by 1100A. Visibility will lower 2 miles in precipitation, and fog at night. Minimum temperature 36 degrees F.

21 Dec - Overcast low clouds throughout day with snow showers entire day. Visibility 1-2 miles at dawn, increasing 4-5 miles after 1200A. Wind NE 4-8 mph. Minimum temperature 29 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 6, 18 Dec 44.

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#### 4 Incls:

- Annex "A" - PI Interpretation Report
- Annex "B" - Translation of Captured Document
- Annex "C" - IPW Report
- Annex "D" - Document Exploitation

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U.S.G.S. LAD (France), scale 1:25,000, Sheet XXXIX - 13 - 1 & 2  
U.S.G.S. LAD (Germany), scale 1:25,000, Sheets 6813; 6814; 6914; 6915.

Conclusions

Nine batteries are seen in the area of WINFIELD (E-2952) and five miles  
 westward. Several of these batteries were moving into position at the time of  
 the last cover (12 Dec 1964).

the last cover (12 Oct 1964).  
In the vicinity of many previously reported shelters and pillboxes  
weapon pits are now connected to the shelters by recently-dug trenches. The  
larger pits are reported as 40mm gun emplacements.  
The trenching and pillbox building are continuing between pillboxes.

Only communication branches are still being dug between pillboxes.

## Map Sheet 2111-12-1 &amp; 2.

- |    |                         |   |
|----|-------------------------|---|
| 1. | <u>PIKE DETAIL:</u>     |   |
| 2. | 194501 - 194509         | Communication trench.                     |
| 2  | 180542 & 181515         | Shelters.                                 |
| 3  | 179552, 179549 & 178549 | Shelters.                                 |
| 4  | 173541 & 171543         | Shelters (confirming ground information). |

Map Sheet 62.3

- FIELD BATTAL  
0625570 5-gun Light FA battery.

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4. FIELD DEFENSES.  
1 10391740 Two casemates in line East and West. Center coordi-  
nate given. (Confirms purple information on Defense  
Overprint).  
2 23495411 4-gun light AA battery.  
3 22695682 4-gun light AA battery.
8. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.  
1 194564 3-gun light AA battery.  
2 203579 Two light AA guns.  
3 168563 3-gun light AA battery.  
4 200567 4-gun heavy AA battery.  
5 242566 3-gun light AA battery.  
6 219572, 218571 & 216571 3-gun light AA batteries at each point.  
7 204575 4-gun heavy AA battery.
9. FIELD DEFENSES.  
1 236564 - 242565 Line of weapon pits.  
2 242562 Short trench under construction.  
3 224565 - 203568 Searchlight and gun pits.
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A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 293527 This formerly reported battery is now a 4-gun light field battery.
- 2 235523 3-gun light FA battery.
- 3 216536 4-gun light FA battery.
- 4 227550 3-gun light FA battery.
- 5 242549 This formerly reported battery is now a 4-gun light FA battery.

B. AA BATTERIES AND SEARCHLIGHTS.

- 1 27355490 6-gun heavy AA/DP battery.
- 2 272548 3-gun light AA battery.
- 3 312530 3-gun light AA battery.
- 4 313528 3-gun light AA battery.
- 5 313527 Unoccupied 3-gun light AA position.
- 6 251552 Two AA/MGs.



C. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 254521 - 257521 Fire trench.
- 2 243515 A/Tk position and trench connecting it to shelter.
- 3 234520 A/Tk position and trench connecting it to shelter.
- 4 259503 - 262504 Trench.
- 5 236527 A/Tk gun.
- 6 201538 & 202538 Two A/Tk guns with trenches connecting to casemates nearby.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

- 1 347546, 348546, 349546 & 351546 4-gun light FA battery. Weapon pits, storage pits and tracks all through the area and extensive activity present. These guns widely spaced at these approximate coordinates.
- 2 329548 4-gun light FA battery.

B. AA BATTERIES.

- 1 328549, 329549 & 331547 Two 3-gun light AA batteries and a 2-gun light AA battery protecting FA battery mentioned above.

C. FIXED DEFENSES.

- 1 388480 & 389481 Two unoccupied A/Tk gun positions with communication trenches and several MG positions.
- 2 391484 - 391485 Trench system.
- 3 375475 - 379473 Trench.
- 4 380477, 379474, 381476, 382477 & 383478 MG post and trench at each point.
- 5 374474 & 378479 Trench at each point.
- 6 387542 - 391540 Fire trench.
- 7 382498 Trench.
- 8 378460 Trench and two unoccupied A/Tk gun emplacements.
- 9 377457, 375456 & 373457 Communication trenches at each point.
- 10 371462 - 376459, 377457 - 377454, 371469 - 371464, 363471 - 365469, 364471, 362468 & 365467 Communication trenches.

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## D. CASTLES

1 35272

Short 1/2" 6145 - 6146 - 20' and 10' long.

## E. MISCELLANEOUS.



91: separate sections of a pylon bridge tied up at West bank of WHITE River.

(Source: Seventh Army Interpretation Reports 8/32, 9/33.)

ANNEX "D" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 7

### Translation of a Captured Document.

FORTIFICATION OF GERMAN TOWNS

The Fuehrer has prescribed that the fortifications of all towns situated between the MA and the RHINE will be entrusted to the Army and to Party formations. As a result, the Army Commander has given the following order:

1. All towns will be prepared for defense with a view to serving as bases of operation for our own forces, and at the same time to prevent the enemy from establishing himself there in any manner.
2. Several villages encompassed within a larger town will form a defensive system which will be outlined by fortified points.
3. Taking account of available forces, all defensive positions will be constructed in the immediate vicinity of towns. Vent-holes, and garden walls will be used for defense in such a way that fields of fire along streets and between building walls will be clear.
4. Since the enemy attacks habitually with strong armored units along the roads, it is of utmost importance to prevent their advance by construction of anti-tank obstacles.
  - a. From now on, secondary streets will be permanently blocked. The work must be thoroughly done without regard to any inconveniences that may result.
  - b. Obstacles will be tied in with buildings, walls or embankments so that they cannot be bypassed by the enemy. The suburbs of each town will be turned into solid anti-tank obstacles by constructing blocks or ditches between houses.
  - c. Placing of anti-tank obstacles at some distance from towns will not be done unless the terrain between the obstacles is protected by rivers, lakes or dense woods.
  - d. Obstacles will be prepared in advance, for all roads which must be left open.
5. Critical terrain features in the immediate vicinity of towns will be turned into strong points with the following priority of work:
  - a. Individual fox-holes, MG nests and AT defenses.
  - b. Zigzag firing trenches connecting individual holes with MG and anti-tank positions.
  - c. Placing of barbed wire around the strong points. Strong points will be placed so as to deliver mutual flanking fire.

6. For technical detail (VI Corps) (Source: [redacted] Army)

Signed: [Signature] Date: 02-18-93  
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## 3. General:

Thru interrogation during the past few days it has been noted that much of the personnel of the opposing enemy Inf units has been transferred from the GAF and committed with little or no Inf training. Because of this displacement of personnel it has been found that many PIs are without their Seldbucher which had been turned in so that the new units could be entered.

## 4. Personalities and APOs:

256 Fld Repl Bn	CO - Capt Fischer
1/ 256 Fld Repl Bn	CO - Lt Matthaeuer
Trains/256 VGD	CO - Maj Kreiner
1st Trans Co	
Trains/256 VGD	CO - 1st Lt Pause
2nd Trans Co	
Trains/256 VGD	CO - Capt Wunderlich



## ANNEX VIII TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 7 - DOCUMENT EXPLOITATION

Extract of notebook taken from a PI of 14 Co ASS WER. (256 VG Div) captured 16 Dec near SALMBACH (R-2542).

List of numbers of diseases as employed on pages 12 & 13 of paybooks (Seldbucher).

1. Typhus and typhoid
2. Dysentery
3. Tonsillitis
4. Cholera
5. Small Pox
6. Measles, Diphtheria, Scarlet fever
7. Influenza
8. Yellow fever
9. Malaria
10. Respiratory diseases (Tuberculosis)
11. Other organic diseases
12. Other communicable diseases, tetanus and gangrene
13. Gonorrhea
14. Syphilis
15. Other venereal diseases
16. Metabolic diseases with possible abscess or tumor
17. Diseases of the circulatory system or lymphatic system
18. Pneumonia
19. Respiratory diseases except tuberculosis
20. Diseases of the teeth and gums
21. Intestinal gripes and stomach troubles
22. Other diseases of the digestive tract
23. Euremia and other kidney inflammations
24. Other non venereal diseases of the Urogenital system
25. Diseases of the skin and other epidermic inflammations
26. Mental disorders and Nerve diseases
27. Ocular diseases

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28. Diseases of the ear
29. Diseases of the bones and limbs
30. Muscular rheumatisms and arthritis.
31. Diseases and wounds caused by enemy action
32. Sunstroke and heat exhaustion
33. Frostbites (damages caused by cold)
34. Other wounds caused by outside action, e.g. old war wounds
35. Malformations and general weakness
36. Cases for observation and malingerers

- a. Infantry projectile
- b. Handgrenades, mortars and grenade launchers. Artillery projectiles
- c. Burns
- d. Bombs and gases
- e. Air combat
- f. Cases of tetanus
- g. Cases of gangrene
- h. Airplane crash
- i. Attempt of suicide and self crippling

It is believed that Nos 1-36 indicate types of diseases and letters a-i which follow the numbers indicate the origin of the disease.

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MAPS: USGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 13/13, 13/14, 13/15, 13/16.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line - SINGAPORE AREA.

b. Defensive Organization - Four pillboxes painted green and covered with mud reported at R-232492. Patrol reported two pillboxes 150 yards N and E from edge of woods at R-232471; concrete vault with steel door at R-232451 on right side of road; bunker near road via R-232476.

c. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

d. Reserves - No change.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Enemy maintained observed Arty, mortar, AW and SA fire along ridge E of SCHWENGER (R-1650), Arty and mortar fire on KAPFWEIER (R-3049). Enemy construction of roadblocks and patrolling continues in BIENWALD Forest.

b. Operations of Command Elements -

(1) Armor - PW reported 3 heavy tanks via R-232451.

(2) Artillery - Area N of SCHWENGER (R-1650) and via R-16510 received intense Heavy Arty fire from positions via SCHWENGER (R-1752) during the day. Moderate Arty fire continues in KAPFWEIER (R-3049) at end of period. Nine rounds of Arty hit in churchyard via R-171450 between C130A and C443A. PW reports 150mm battery via R-184574; enemy Arty pieces via PLUMMER (R 1957); 120mm gun on road at rd 183.2 at PLUMMER.

(3) Aviation - 3 enemy fighters flew over R-1650 at 1405H.

(4) Engineers - Patrols reported the following mine locations: R 232471--200 yards of fallen trees; R 130492--four mines across road; R 232407--defended; R 232477--4 or 5 30-ton trees wall made by wrapped and mined; R 232481 N to edge of woods--fallen trees. Ditches reported at: right side of road R 232471; R 232490; R 232476--12 feet long in road; R 232493--30 feet long and 4 feet wide; R 232476. Bridge at R 232493.

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(5) Infantry - Observed mortar, MG and SA fire along ridge from RECHTENBACH to R 188510 from positions vic OBEN OTTERBACH throughout the day. KAPSWYER continued to receive mortar fire. CCB patrol drew AW, SA fire vic R 256485 at 1350A. 12 man German patrol chased our OP out of house vic RJ R 210490 during morning. Baby trapped body of dead enemy soldier found at R 230454 exploded when examined - 1 American soldier dead, 2 wounded. PW reported 4 shelters with 12 men in each at R 26754890.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PW's - Total during period - 24  
Total to date - 680  
(See Annex "B")

b. Weather - 21 Dec - No rain, partly cloudy. Visibility 1 - 2 miles after midnight with haze and fog, improving to 5 miles by 1100A. Wind 5 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 30 degrees F.  
22 Dec - Light intermittent rain and snow on the higher ridges of VOSGES mountains. Cloudy entire day. Visibility 1 - 2 miles in fog during night and early morning, improving to 4 - 5 miles in late afternoon. Wind SW 6 - 8 m.p.h. Continued cool. Minimum temperature 28 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 6, 18 Dec 44.

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ANNEA "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 8

UNITS, OTHER THAN 256 VG AND 21 PZ DIVS. RECENTLY IDENTIFIED  
BETWEEN THE HARDT MOUNTAINS AND THE RHINE, AND LIKELY  
TO CONFRONT US IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE.



1. 42 PANZER GRENADIER REPLACEMENT REGIMENT:

Said to consist of 104 PG Repl Bn and 405 PG Repl Bn. Only 104 PG Repl Bn has been identified on 16 December vic RIEDSELTZ, R-1644. Estimated overall strength is 500 men with at least 9 MG's, 2 Lt Inf Hews, and bazookas.

Personnel is either very young or very old with little training. Armored personnel carriers were turned in since the unit's employment in the SIEGFRIED Line.

The 405 PG Repl Bn is reported to be organized similarly to 104 PG Repl Bn.

2. BATTLEGROUP "ANTON" (formerly known as BG 'OTTERBACH')

Estimated total strength is 400-500 men. Said to consist of two or more smaller groups. Of these only BG 'DITTERN', formerly known as 33 AT REPL BN, has been identified on 17 December vic R 2250. It consists of 270 men with 9 MG's. Personnel is of a low medical category.

3. PERMANENT FORTRESS BN "LENK" (Festungsstamm Bn Lenk)

Said to be composed of 6 Cos. 3 Cos only identified by 45 Inf Div.

5th Co consists of 90 men, all from CONVALESCENT CO 107. (R 0453, 16 Dec)  
(45 Div, G-2 Report, and verbal information from VI Corps)

4. 103 AT BRIGADE

Said to consist of three units (BOCK, LANG, PANKOV) in company size with 14 x 75mm SP AT guns each. Only Unit BOCK was identified on 13 December vic R 024392, and 14 December vic BREMELBACH (R 1243). 103 Div (G-2 Report, 16 December) reports that it left that sector for LAUTERBOURG (R 3241) with only one SP remaining.

Units LANG and PANKOV may be expected in the SIEGFRIED Line.

5. 686 HEAVY GHQ AT BN

Identified 13 December by 14th Armd Div. Reported to have received orders to withdraw to WISSEMBOURG (R 1548) without having been committed. Said to have three Cos. Total strength: 540 men, 27 x 88mm towed AT guns, 27 MG's, 54 AT Grenade Launchers, and 27 magnetic charges.

6. 1140 AA BN

Identified vic HAGUENAU (R 0424) on 10 December. Said to have 8-12 x 88mm guns, and 24-28 x 20mm guns, plus 8 x 37mm guns. (79 Div)

7. 482 AA BN

Said to consist of 6 Btrys, of which three reported in this sector. Only 6th Btry identified on 11 December vic DRUSENHEID (R 1618) with 4x 88mm guns. (79 Div)

8. 381 LOCAL DEFENSE BN (Landesschuetzen Bn)

Identified by documents only that were found in WISSEMBOURG Barracks.

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These consisted of letters to a soldier, indicating that the Bn had been located at SARREBOURG in November.

## 9. 103 PANZER BRIGADE

Identified by one PW only, and very doubtful. Strength unknown.

### ANNA "B" TO C-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 8

#### PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT

Series: 562 B 80, 17 December 1944, 1:7,300

Map Sheets: G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), 1:25,000, XXXIX-13-1 & 2

G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), 1:25,000, 6814, 6914, 6915

#### MAP SHEET 4411-13 1 & 2

1. 17915419. 18345442. There is an emplacement containing an AT or light arty weapon at each coordinate. These emplacements are connected by two shelters by communication trenches. Photo 3060

#### MAP SHEET 6814

1. 29435792 & 29525788. Arty piece at each coordinate. Probably medium caliber. Photo 3218

#### MAP SHEET 6914

1. 23395291, 19475362, & 26165209. There is an emplacement containing an AT or light arty weapon at each coordinate. These emplacements are connected to shelters or pillboxes by communication trenches. Photos 3047, 3056, 3041
2. 25505012. AT gun position. It appears to be occupied. Photo 4040
3. 266516. Prepared AT gun position unoccupied. It covers the road running NW from SCHAIDT. Photo 3039
4. 234531-236539. Communication trench connecting two pillboxes. Photo 3047
5. 250487-253496. Communication trench. Photo 4041
6. 22485075. Tracks and ammunition pits indicate a two or three gun light Arty battery at this coordinate. Photo 4048

#### MAP SHEET 6915

1. 36204700. AT or light arty gun emplacement occupied. Photo 4012

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ANEX "C" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 8

Division Interrogation Report 182400A to 192400A December 1944.

## 1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

<u>No</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit and Place of Capture</u>
a. New Identifications:		
b. Old Identifications:		
6	2/256 Fld Repl & Trng Bn	48th - STEINFELD
3	3/33rd AT Repl & Trng Bn	68th - WISSEMBOURG
1	?/456 IR	CCB - SALMBACH
c. Miscellaneous:		
Polish Deserter		LP's - SURBURG
1	3/841 Supply Bn	
Alsation Deserters		
1	8/256 AR	CIC - SCHLEITHAL
1	3/ " "	CCB - " "
1	4/476 Gren Res Bn - LEITERMITZ	CIC - " "
1	Hospital, Germany	CIC - " "
1	7th Gren Res Bn - SILESIA	CIC - " "
1	12th Arty Res Bn - SCHWERIN	CIC - " "
2	3/1052 March Bn - Eastern Front	CCB - SIEGEN
1	8/1558 AR - Bavaria	CCB - " "
1	1/114 Armd Inf Regt 6 PD	CCB - SCHLEITHAL
1	11/7 IR 252 ID - WILNA	CCB - " "
1	2/102 Gren Res Bn - CHEMNITZ	CCB - " "
1	17th Gren Sign Res Bn - AACHEN	CCB - " "
24		
Total PW's during Period-----		24
Total PW's to Date-----		680

## 2. Units.

3/33 AT Repl & Trng Bn - The PWs deserted their Unit while on Rcn. According to their story this unit is also known as the Battle Group OTTERBACH and they do not believe that there is any unit but their own in this Battle Group. On 17 Dec the 3rd plat of the 3rd Co was transferred to a Co under the command of Lt GERSDORF but did not change bunkers, which seems to indicate that this new Co went into posn adjacent to the 33rd AT Bn. This new Co has a strength of approx 50 men at this time. (A Lt GERSDORF is CO of 1/481 IR)

PWs also said that some of the bunkers around the area (206529) contain 75mm AT guns and others contain mortars. These guns are manned by Fortress Engr troops (unit number not known).

The three Cos of the 33rd AT Bn occupy bunkers along the Dragons Teeth from 206529 to 216505.



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2/456 IR - PW joined unit with 315502 on 15 Dec, and was with his unit only one day before being captured. PW claimed his Co consisted of approx 120 men and heard that each squad had 2 IMG's.

2/256 Flt Repl & Trng Bn - PW's of this unit were selected with approx 40 other men as a Guard Platoon and left SALLBACH for BUECHELBERG (3247) on 12 Dec to guard the withdrawal of Div Hq. This platoon then went to SCHLEITHAL and upon arrival was committed with an unknown Regt.

1st Bn - PW deserted his unit 8 days ago in SALLBACH at which time unit was preparing to withdraw to SIGFRID Line. At this time the 8th and 9th Btry each had 3 - SPH (150mm Inf How) and the 6th and 7th Btry had each 5 - LHM (105mm How). The 1st Bn of this Regt was destroyed in Holland and has never been reformed.

2/256 AR - PW deserted his unit on 14 Dec at which time his Btry contained 4 - 75mm AT guns and was about to move to KANDEL (3353).

### 3. Personalities and APO's.

3/33 AT Repl & Trng Bn.

3/256 AR

8/256 AR

2/456 IR

CO - 1st Lt Feenster

CO - 1st Lt Seifert

Plat Ldr - Lt Moyer

APO 17342D

APO 11227E

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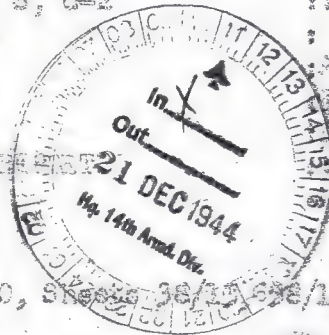
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Area: 2005 1471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/12, 39/11, 39/13, 39/14.

## 1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

### a. Enemy Front Line - SECURED LINE.

b. Defensive Organization - Patrols report that the emplacement shown at 218514 on the defense overprint is not there; also a field fortification, not a pillbox, at 217404 covered by MG fire; a pillbox estimated to be 40 feet long at 218494 on N side of RR tracks; a pillbox at 22054528 on S side of RR tracks; one pillbox at RR crossing 223496. Civilian reports indicate 5 or 6 pillboxes in cemetery N of STEINFELD via 218503 painted to look like houses; med casements via 218496, 218558 and 221495 N side of RR; MG pillboxes at 221498, 223497, and 223497 between the RR station and SCHAIDT.

### c. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

### d. Reserves - No change.

## 2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Any activity for the period consisted of patrolling and harassing our forward elements with Arty, mortar and SA fire from behind his SECURED line positions. In the STEINFELD area he continued to patrol the area and conduct contacts in our zone.

### b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Armor - PW reports 10 enemy tanks via INCENHEIM (R-2559). Patrol observed tank via 25451785. PW reports 2 AT guns at R-272483 and three tanks at R-276492. Outposts reported hearing two tanks moving, one NW of OBER-OTTERBACH and one NE of OBER-OTTERBACH along ridge about 1850 hrs.

(2) Artillery - Some harassing light and med Arty fire fell on and near KAPSWYER. Observed Arty fire on main street in KAPSWYER ceased after church steeple in STEINFELD was destroyed. Intense light and med Arty and mortar fire continued to fall along the ridge between 183509 to 183510 at intervals during the period.

(3) Infantry - None reported for the period.

(4) Engineers - Patrols encountered a tank trap at 236470, a tank ditch covered by SA fire at 232493, and a roadblock of felled trees at 231490. The enemy continues to build roadblocks and tank ditches in the area.

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(5) Infantry - Patrols received SA and MG fire from CBER-OTTERBACH during the night. A large part of the town is burning. Six fires were observed burning in STEINFELD during the night. Our patrols drew sniper fire from buildings in the town. Intense heavy mortar fire received via 168509. Four rounds mortar fire fell vic 246444 at 0400A. Two rounds SP fire fell between 225434 and 248421 at 1345A. Patrol met enemy sentry on RR at 220495. 15 rounds mortar fire fell vic 275480 at 1130A believed coming from 277492.

## 3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. FWS - Total during period - 17  
Local to date - 697  
(See Annex "A")

b. Weather - 22 Dec - Sky cloudy in morning, partly cloudy in afternoon. No rain. Visibility 2-4 miles in morning with fog and haze, 4-7 miles in afternoon with haze. Wind Southerly 7-12 mph. Minimum temperature 27 degrees F.

23 Dec - Light showers in afternoon, cloudy sky. Visibility 4 miles in morning with haze, improving to eight miles in afternoon with haze. Wind S 10 mph. Minimum temperature 32 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 6, 18 Dec 44.

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No 10

MAPS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line - SIEGFRIED LINE.

b. Defensive Organization - Patrols located the following pillboxes:  
R 216506 (about 12 feet square with embrasures pointing to the S and SW),  
R 217502; R 216510; R 215500.

c. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

d. Reserves - No change. First Armored Group estimated 18 Dec that the enemy has at least 15 Tks, 8 TD's (75mm) and 10 SP guns in VI Corps area. (Armored Bulletin No 20, 18 Dec 44)

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Day maintained observed Arty and mortar fire upon ridge to E of RECHTENBACH (R 1650) and on KAPSMEYER (R 2049), continued aggressive patrolling and maintained strongpoints in BISMALD Forest.

b. Operations of Component Elements

(1) Artillery - KAPSMEYER received harassing Arty fire from 88mm guns and 105mm hows throughout the period. Observed light and medium Arty continues to fall along ridge R 168518 to R 184510 from the right front on an estimated azimuth of 18° to 45°. WISSENBURG received 3 rounds of Arty fire, one believed 155mm, between 2030A and 2055A.

(2) Infantry - KAPSMEYER continues to receive mortar fire. 30 rounds fell in about three minutes just after 202400 and 17 rounds from 0600A to 1010A. Ridge from R 168518 to R 184510 received immediate observed mortar fire on any movement during the period. CCB patrols reported enemy rifle platoon at R 258483, mortar position at R 259488, AT gun at R 256456.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PWs - Total during period - 16  
Total to date - 713  
(See Annex "A")

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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 10

Division Interrogation Report 202400A to 212400A December 1944

## 1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

<u>EW</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit and Place of Capture</u>
a.	New Identifications:	
b.	Old Identifications:	
c.	Miscellaneous:	
Austrian Deserters:		
1	?/385 Inf Repl & Trng Bn - BOHEMIA	OCB - TRIMBACH
1	1/24 Rec Art Bn - KEZMAROC	OCB - TRIMBACH
1	2 Co Armd Car Bn 106 Pz Brig - TRIMBACH	19th - SALMBACH
1	11 Conv Co 138 Mtn Repl Bn - LEOBEN	19th - SALMBACH
1	82 Mot Repl & Trng Bn 9 Mos Div	19th - SALMBACH
	BOHEMEN-MAHRLEN	
1	Navy - NORWAY	19th - SALMBACH
1	March Co 11 Inf Repl & Trng Bn - LEIPZIG	19th - SALMBACH
1	4 Co 5 Armd Div - POSEN	958 PA - ALTENSTADT
8	Italian Laborers	Hq 1440 - LENTENSWILLER

Total PWs during Period - 16

Total PWs to Date - 713

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MAPS: CGCS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

a. Enemy Front Line - SIEGFRIED LINE.

b. Defensive Organization - Road blocks encountered at R-263443 and R-263446. PW reports AT guns at R-251477, R-265471, R-279479 supported by AW; two 88mm guns in position at R-256580.

c. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Enemy continued to be alert to our patrols in his forward positions along the SIEGFRIED LINE. He counter-patrolled and harassed our forward elements with Arty and mortar fire.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Artillery - WISSEMBOURG received harassing light and medium Arty fire throughout the period. SAILBACH was shelled sporadically, receiving 20 rds 105mm and 120mm mortar fire between 0633A and 0842A. In the morning SCHLEITHAL (R-224433) received 30 to 40 rds of 105mm Arty fire. The ridge E of RECHTENBACH (R-162504) continued to receive intense mortar and light Arty fire. Moderate Arty fire fell in KARSWEYER (R-208498) during the morning.

(2) Aviation - Unidentified enemy plane forced down one of our Air OPs in CGS zone.

(3) Engineers - S-mines encountered vic R-233451. PW reports S-mines being used between the two bunkers on ridge N of OBER-OTTERBACH (R-171522).

(4) Infantry - Enemy inf activity was confined to counter-patrolling in our forward areas for the period. Our outposts destroyed 3-man enemy patrol vic R-190510 killing two and capturing one. Our patrols encountered mortar fire at 263447 and intense SA and AW fire vic 264474, four rifle grenades fired from vic R-312470.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. PWs - Total during period - 16  
Total to date - 729  
(See Annex "A")

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b. Weather - 24 Dec - Low broken to overcast clouds in morning, becoming scattered to broken in afternoon. No precipitation. Visibility 2-3 miles in fog and haze before 1800H, improving to 5-7 miles thereafter. Wind Southerly 6-10 mph. Minimum temperature 26 degrees F.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 6, 18 Dec 44.



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ANALYST TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO. 11

Division Interrogation Report 212400a to 222400a December 1944.

## 1. Tabulation of Prisoners of War by Enemy Units.

IN	Unit	Unit and Place of Capture
a.	New Identifications:	
b.	Old Identifications:	
c.	Miscellaneous:	
Alsatian Deserters		
1	Hq/23 Pz Regt - DEBBECHEN	206 IP - SCHLEZ
1	81 Regt Co 45 ID - BORRIEL	" "
1	3/952 Lt AA Bn - KUERNBERG	" "
1	4/320 Repl Bn - NOVO UKRAINEA	" "
1	3/53 Para Repl Bn - HALBERSTADT	" "
1	Navy - VIENNA	" "
1	2/460 Inf Repl & Trng Bn - KONSTANZ	" "
1	5/551 IR 329 ID - MORGHN	" "
1	Transportkomps SPHER 3082 - SAMET	
	ROBERT	60th - SCHWEIGEN
1	1 Repl Co 20 Inf Repl & Trng Bn (Lts)	
	10 ID	CIC - MOVEN
2	1/103 Pz Repl Bn - STRASSBURG	14 KP - KALDENBURG
1	Hq/III Bn 16 Pz Army Regt - MUMBI	19th - NIEDERLAUTERSBACH
1	53 Abz Regt Co - BAD-FRIEDENSWALD	19th - NIEDERLAUTERSBACH
1	2/ Fld Repl Bn 256	514 CIC - LEYERSWILLER
1	13/145 IR 65 ID - BOLOGNA	19th - NIEDERLAUTERSBACH

Total PWs during Period - 16

Total PWs to Date - 729

## 2. Locations:

SA deserters who have come across the line have noted the following:  
 4 - 150mm SPH vic 242547; much supply activity in BARBELOTH 245558; 3 - 75mm AT guns vic 221532; Artillery CP in tower at 255496; trees felled across road from 268477 to 264482; 2 pillboxes each armed with 1 - 75mm AT gun on both sides of road at approx 171517 guarding a row of Dragon's Teeth going E to W across road. Pillboxes are camouflaged with nets.

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MAPS: GSGS 4471, EASTERN FRANCE, 1/50,000, Sheets 38/13, 38/14, 39/13, 39/14.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Line - SIEGFRIED LINE, with outposts in BERNARD Forest.
- b. Defensive Organization - PW information: Pillboxes at R 262492, R 256507; pillbox at R 25555055 supported by one AT gun and one MG; pillbox at R 256496 supported by two AT guns, one MG and six men.

c. Units in Contact - No new identifications.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

- a. General Summary - Enemy activity confined to harassing Arty fire.
- b. Operations of Component Elements -
- (1) Artillery - Harassing light and medium Arty fire fell sporadically in the RECHTENBACH-KAPS/EXER-WESERBOURG area.
- (2) Aviation - One enemy plane shot down over RITERSHOFF (R 1634) at 1130A. Pilot captured. One enemy plane circled Div area at 1930A; 5 enemy planes circled 79 Div area at 1948A; no hostile action in either case.
- (3) Paratroops - 2 parachutes reported dropped vic . 3241 at 1915A; 6 enemy paratroopers reported dropped vic Q 7148 at 2000A.

c. Miscellaneous - Enemy agents reported infiltrating or dropped by parachute along Western Front. See Annex "B".

10 enemy captured 23 Dec in SPIRAL dressed in American GI overalls had mission to sabotage gas dumps, supply points, etc.

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3 INCR: 1. Miscellaneous - PW information of enemy status  
2. Miscellaneous - PW information of enemy status

3 INCR: 1. Pd - Total during period - 20  
Total to date - 749  
(See Annex "A")

b. Weather - 25 Dec - No rain, no snow. Partly cloudy sky. Visibility 1/2 - 1 mile from midnight to dawn with fog, improving to five miles by 1000A with haze. Wind NE 3 - 5 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 32 degrees F.

26 Dec - Light showers in afternoon. Partly cloudy morning, cloudy in afternoon. Visibility 1/2 mile at dawn with fog, improving to 8 - 10 miles by 1000A. Wind SW 5 m.p.h. Minimum temperature 39 degrees F.

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4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No 6, 15 Dec 44.

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Annex "B" - Infiltration of enemy agents

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AMMEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC RE-CHK NO 12

Division Interrogation Report 227400A to 232400A December 1944.

## 1. Tabulation of prisoners of war by Enemy Units

No.	Unit	Unit and Place of Capture
a.	New identifications:	
b.	Old identifications:	
c.	Miscellaneous:	
Alienation Deserters:		
1	20 Inf Regt 20 (Ita) - AEGIDIAN	24 Inf - WISSEMBOURG
1	Hq/292 Div Fus Bn - AEGIA	" "
1	3 Trng Co 22 Inf Bn - GUTTINGEN	" "
1	1/14 Armd Inf Regt 5 PD - EAST PRUSSIA	" "
1	Hq/24 Inf Regt - POLAND	" "
1	11 Inf Regt Bn - LEIPZIG	" "
1	1 Bn 72 Inf Regt 25 10 - HUNGARY	" "
1	1 Co 3 Inf Bn - ITALY	" "
1	6 Bury 256 AR 246 TUD - SWEDEN	" "
1	2 Butcher Co 212 P MITLER 11v - AEGIA	" "
1	3/1 Regt Regt - GENTIA	" "
1	Hospital - GENTIA	" "
1	Comm Co/ 7 AT Regt & 2nd Bn - 2 PRUSSIA	" "
1	7 Tel Constr Co 22 Air Sig Regt - ITALY	" "
1	Police Sig Regt & Trng Bn - ITALY	" "
1	3/1 Regt Landing 1st & Trng Bn - 2 PRUSSIA	" "
1	1 March Co 358 Inf Regt & Trng Bn - OFFICERS	" "
1	1/3 RR Regt Regt & Trng Bn - 2 PRUSSIA	" "
2	Medical Channels	

Total PWs during period - 20

Total PWs to date - 749

## 2. Unit.

6/256 AR - PW deserted his unit on 14 Dec from NIEDERLAUTHEIM-CH. At this time 6th Div had two 105mm LPH and was preparing to withdraw to vic BERG across the Rhine in Germany.

## 3. Locations and Miscellaneous.

Several PW deserters have noted the following while passing through the German lines: There is a Military RR leading from approx 261,522 in direction WOLFFENSBUEHLER (2451) - NIEDEROTTENBACH (2211) - OBEROTTENBACH (2712) - to approx 1650; In 1942 French RR guns were seen on these tracks. On 3 Dec PW noted that PW station at WINDEN (28251) was hardly damaged, and at this time there was heavy RR traffic all night long at this station. According to PW LAMBAH and NEUBART are both important military rail centers and at this time had received little damage. Furthermore, the RR bridge across the Rhine from MANNHEIM to LUTZBURGEN had been

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damaged several times but because of the construction of the bridge the boats  
went through the explosion in the water about 25 meters below and therefore the  
slight damage could be repaired in a few hours.

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## INFILTRATION OF ARMY AGENTS

Agents were seen to infiltrate through our lines and in  
some cases to capture, captured in the vehicles, on foot, and possibly in cy-  
cles. These agents are seen to carry out, assassination, and kindred  
work. Some of the agents report activities in the area, captured by para-  
chutists, with a view to all high-ranking American officers. Some carry explo-  
sives, including a new type grenade-launching pistol. Some carry cold capsules  
of high-grade explosives. The majority speak English fluently, carry American  
uniforms, and carry a uniform, carry larger and carry, and as representatives  
of officers of the

The agents have been reported traveling in U.S. jeeps  
bearing American, Latin, and Cuban flags. Vehicles infiltrated through our  
lines usually bear the letter "P" or "D" on the left side of the hood  
of the vehicle, including tanks.

Further means of identification employed by ex-parachutists and other agents  
wearing in American uniforms:

- Feet bandaged, usually at the top
- Arm or hand band worn
- Parachute harness worn around neck or over shoulder
- Cap for helmet on helmet
- Removal of helmet
- Wearing of artificial head bandage
- Signaling of night by means of white flag, light or lantern

Although the parachutists and other agents wear U.S. uniforms and carry U.S.  
equipment, they are usually seen wearing the U.S. Army colors  
and the vehicles have certain features.

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barbed several times but because of the construction of the bridge the bombs went through and exploded in the water about 25 meters below and therefore the slight damage could be repaired in a few hours.

REF. 100-100-100 PERIODIC REPORT NO 12

## INFILTRATION OF ENEMY AGENTS

1. Higher level reports of being infiltrated through our lines and in rear areas by parachute, captured allied vehicles, on foot, and possibly in enemy vehicles. Purposes are sabotage, espionage, assassination, and kindred covert activities. The report identifies killers at loose, dropped by parachute, with dropped to kill high-ranking American officers. Some carry explosives, including a new type grenade-launching pistol. Some carry acid capsules to facilitate escape. The majority speak English fluently, carry American weapons, wear American uniforms, carry forged APO cards, may be represented as officers or NCOs.

2. Some reports of enemy agents have been reported traveling in US jeeps bearing markings of 1st, 9th and 158th Divs. Vehicles infiltrated through our lines probably will bear the letter "C" or "D" on the left side of the hood of the vehicle, including tanks.

3. Various means of identification employed by ex-parachutists and other agents dressed in American uniforms:

Coat unbuttoned, usually at the top

Blue or pink scarf worn

Colored handkerchiefs worn around neck or over shoulders

Tapping twice on helmet

Removal of helmet

Wearing of partial head bandage

Signals at night by means of white Very light or red or blue flashlight

4. Although the parachutists and other agents wear US uniforms and drive US vehicles, some officers and NCOs usually wear German dog tags, the EF carry soldier's, and the vehicles have German radios.

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DATE: 25 DEC 44, 1700H, 1/30/44, 25/13, 25/14, 25/15, 25/16.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD.

- a. Enemy Front Line - DISPERSED LINE with outposts to the front of the line.
- b. Units in Contact - No new identifications.



2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. General Summary - Enemy air active during period. No ground contact reported in Div area.

b. Operations of Component Elements -

(1) Aviation - One unidentified enemy plane flew over Div CP at 1100A. No hostile act committed. Two F-119s flying E strafed road via BIBERSH I (HUMER 13) at 1130A. At 1120A four E - 119s flying E to E strafed Gub field via HUMER 16 from low altitude; no damage. Two JU - 88s observed heading E at 12,000 feet; passed over landing strip via HUMER 16 at 1255A. Enemy aircraft identified as JU - 88s flew over HUMER 16 DIV E W of SALLBACH heading E, altitude 12,000 feet at 1300A; number of planes in flight not observed.

(2) Paratroops - Parachute a company of GERMANS at about 4,000 feet altitude. 84; time 1240A. Unverified report of 12 to 15 parachutists landing in HUMER 16 and an unknown number landing at HUMER 16 at 1505A.

(3) Miscellaneous - Orange star cluster observed to E from KUTZENHAUSEN at 2040A.

3. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Loss - Total during period [illegible]  
Total to date [illegible]  
5 troops [illegible] - [illegible]

STATUS DESIGNATION

1 - 3/21 Gren Maj 1 An - FUEBTH, BAVARIA - 62nd - PHILLISBOURG

b. Weather - 25 Dec - Scattered clouds and increasing low clouds during day. Clouds at night. No precipitation. Wind S 10 mph. Visibility [illegible]. Min. Temp. 19F.

c. Weather - Broken clouds, scattered rain and snow showers at night. Visibility [illegible]. Wind S 10 mph. Min. Temp. 13F.

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4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. - No change. See G-2 Periodic Report No. 6, 18 Dec 44.

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Annex "B" - List of Non-Divisional Units between the Hardt Mountains and the RHINE.

1. IDENTIFICATION

(a) Identification

1. Identification - (a) Identification - (a) Identification

2. Identification - (b) Identification - (b) Identification

3. Identification - (c) Identification - (c) Identification

4. Identification - (d) Identification - (d) Identification

5. Identification - (e) Identification - (e) Identification

6. Identification - (f) Identification - (f) Identification

7. Identification - (g) Identification - (g) Identification

8. Identification - (h) Identification - (h) Identification

9. Identification - (i) Identification - (i) Identification

10. Identification - (j) Identification - (j) Identification

11. Identification - (k) Identification - (k) Identification

12. Identification - (l) Identification - (l) Identification

13. Identification - (m) Identification - (m) Identification

14. Identification - (n) Identification - (n) Identification

15. Identification - (o) Identification - (o) Identification

16. Identification - (p) Identification - (p) Identification

17. Identification - (q) Identification - (q) Identification

18. Identification - (r) Identification - (r) Identification

19. Identification - (s) Identification - (s) Identification

20. Identification - (t) Identification - (t) Identification

21. Identification - (u) Identification - (u) Identification

22. Identification - (v) Identification - (v) Identification

23. Identification - (w) Identification - (w) Identification

24. Identification - (x) Identification - (x) Identification

25. Identification - (y) Identification - (y) Identification

26. Identification - (z) Identification - (z) Identification

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ANNEX "A" TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 13

PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT

Sorties: 682 B 81, 22 December 1944, 1:7,300.  
Map Sheets: G.S.G.S. 4414 (Germany), scale 1:25,000, Sheets 6915, 6924,  
6815, 6814 & 6813.  
G.S.G.S. 4411 (France), scale 1:25,000, Sheet 4411A - 13 - 1 & 2.  
MAP SHEET 6915.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 31985507 4-gun DP battery. 682 B 81 4231  
2. 32925421 This formerly reported 4-gun light  
FA battery is now unoccupied. 682 B 81 4228

B. FIXED DEFENCES.

1. 396551 Short length of fire trench. 682 B 81 3001  
2. 336472 - 365470 Fire trench. 682 B 81 4111  
3. 364472 Three mortar positions. 682 B 81 4111

C. OBSTACLES.

1. 39785520 Partial roadblock, probably concrete.  
Gap approximately 12'. 682 B 81 3001

MAP SHEET 6914.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 20503455 2-gun light FA battery. 682 B 81 3067

MAP SHEET 6815.

A. FIELD BATTERIES.

1. 32195564 4-gun light field battery. 682 B 81 3011  
2. 32915669 4-gun DP battery. 682 B 81 3016  
3. 32795664 3-gun DP battery. 682 B 81 3016  
4. 23425662 4-gun light field battery. 682 B 81 3014

B. FIXED DEFENCES.

1. 404569 - 393575 Fire trench system on SOUTH  
side of RHEINLAUFEN 682 B 81 4002-4

C. OBSTACLES.

1. 39335752 Previously reported possible road-  
block, now appears partial roadblock  
of concrete with approximately 10'  
gap. 682 B 81 4003  
2. 37585718 Partial roadblock of concrete with  
approximately 12' gap. 682 B 81 4007

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MAP SHEET 6514.

- A. ARTILLERY BATTERIES N. SEARCHLIGHTS
  1. 294578, 295578, 295579 Four light A. guns at these coordinates. 682 B 81 4023
- B. FIELD DEFENCES.
  1. 301573 - 304577 - 305575 Fire trench. 682 B 81 3021) 4020)

MAP SHEET 6513.

- A. OBSTACLES.
  1. 18865581 Probable roadblock - type undeterminable. 682 B 81 3062

MAP SHEET 6511 - 13 - 1 & 2.

- A. FIELD BATTERIES.
  1. 18895193 Two (possibly three) light SF guns. 682 B 81 3062

## ENGINEER INTELLIGENCE

MAP SHEET 6534.

- 216513 Bridge over A/T ditch severely damaged and road cratered on either side. Bridge is probably unserviceable. Overall length of bridge 20'. By-pass at site b, repairing bridge and approach or by filling A/T ditch. 682 B 81 4175

ANNEX A TO G-2 PERIODIC REPORT NO 13

## LIST OF NON-DIVISIONAL ENEMY UNITS BETWEEN THE HARZ MOUNTAINS AND THE RHINE

1. LEIBSTANDART XIII (apparently so named for Wehrkreis XIII where it originates)
  - a. This is an independent fortress regiment (possibly subject to 245 Inf Div, to an unknown fortress Division or to Pa. Brig XIII) and apparently consists of two units: XI/1 and XIII/2. Prisoners refer to them as "Festungsstamm Battalions". XIII/1 apparently has absorbed 80 Inf Regt and Tng Bn, whereas XIII/2 may be identical with Festungsstamm Bn (Lank). In an case Bn Lank is subordinated to Regt XIII which is running the Siegfried defenses in the Lauter Valley.
  - b. The number of companies (of about 100 men each) is somewhat obscure. Bn Lank was originally said to have 6, and 80 Regt Bn 3 Cos. However the only Cos identified of Lank are 3 and 6, and it may be that 80 Regt Bn (of which 1 and 2 Cos are identified) supplied the first three Cos for Lank, which was simultaneously renamed Regt XIII.

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g. In addition to this, 87 Gen Repl Bn has been identified on Dec 29. It apparently operates under Regt XII, has 3 Cos of 100-200 men each and occupies pillboxes in the Niederschlettenbach (R-9854) area.

2. 42 PG REPL AND TRNG REGT: (possibly under Pz Brig XII at Landau which might also control Regt XII).

a. This H. has been identified only by a Pz of its subordinated unit: 104 PG REPL AND TRNG BN. It is possible that either 42 PG Repl and Trng Regt or Pz Brig XII may also be known as Battlegroup 'Anton'. 42 Regt is reported to have been located at Heidelberg, but very likely has moved across the Rhine.

b. 104 PG Repl Bn has been identified on 16 December via RIEDELSTZ (R-1644). Estimated overall strength is 500 men with at least 9 MGs, 2 Lt Inf Bns, and bazookas. Personnel is either very young or very old with little training. Armored personnel carriers were turned in since the unit's employment in the Siegfried Line. It is also known as Battlegroup 'Schleicher' (for its commander) and is in the area of the Wissembourg Gap.

c. 405 PG Repl and Trng Bn, the other alleged Bn of 42 PG Repl Regt, has still not been identified. Reports about its composition vary.

d. 33 AT Repl and Trng Bn may also form part of 42 Regt. It has no AT guns and is infantry. The name BT 'Dittbern' seems to have been only temporary, but it may be that 33 AT Bn has also at one time been known as BG Otterbach (for the town of that name). It, too, is in the area of the Wissembourg Gap with some elements further west.

3. NRCH PG 818 and 819. First identified by 79 Div on 19 September around Buchelberg. Each Bn is supposed to consist of 3 Cos with 200 men each and a total strength of 600 men. These Bns will most likely be distributed as replacements. Only the 2nd Co of each Bn has been identified.

The personnel is 50% Austrian and most of the balance is of non-Germanic extraction. It was specifically destined to man Siegfried Line bunkers.

4. 1276 AT Co. First identified by 79 Div in the Buchelberg sector on 19 December. It is said to be equipped with 14 x 75mm AT Guns.

5. ADK ARTY REGT (GHC). This is an organization similar to 401 Arty Regt operating in IV Corps sector. It is said to consist of 5 Bns each of 3 Btrys of 6 guns each. 5 Bn is the only one so far identified and is said to have only 2 Btrys (13 and 14) with 3-6 x 12, 2 Russian Howitzers each. The unit is also referred to as 'Volks Artillerie Korps'. It was first identified by 103 Div on 20 December in the vicinity of Ober Otterbach.

6. VOLKSTURN 1st Bn. Formed at St. Avelo. This Volksturn unit, of which nothing otherwise is known, was identified by 79 Division on 19 December near Buchelberg. There are said to be 4 Cos of 140 men each. Presumably there is a 1st Bn in every regional organization.

7. 746 INF REPL AND TRNG BN. This unit brought replacements for 255 PG Div and very likely has by now been dissolved.